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NORTHERN PACIFIC

Lead the List and all Good Stocks Re- sponded.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 15.—The conviction gained ground over night that the speculation outburst involving high grade railroad stocks had more signif- icance than was apparent, which was an immense relief to the money market on the forthcoming enormous disburse- ments by the government and corporate interests.

The street, remembering the suc- cessful deal in the anthracite coal in- dustry, was inclined to regard with some credence the various rumors con- cerning the absorption of representa- tion in the governing boards of rail- road's having favorable geographical locations. This policy is for the com- panies interests and is expected to bring more stable and economical con- ditions and reduce to a minimum the possibility of rate wars.

Expectation that the much heralded pinch in money rates would not be realized was sufficient to revive the bullish spirit which has been dominant on this account. London's resources to our buoyant close yesterday was en- couraging and during the day the for- eign market bought 75,000 shares. Not till after the publication of the bank statement did the advance assume any violence. Union Pacific and Northern Pacific ruled at a parity until just be- fore the close, when excited buying of the latter rushed it up to 76½, compar- ed with 72½ at yesterday's close. Ear- lier heaviness of the steel stocks was dispelled and they closed with small gains. Speculation left off with buying very confident and a tendency upward.

All the world looks to January 1 as the annual settlement period for col- lections and payments. At no other time is so much money needed for ex- change and such large demands made for credits. Those who have their own resources available, while not active bidders for loans, reduce available credits by putting their money to their own use, which might otherwise be available for the ending. The sum of obligations to be met on Jan. 1 next in the United States is greater than ever before. The fact that the sum this year is the largest in the history of the country is conclusive proof of the country's prosperity, but the fact is not allowed that this process of disburse- ment of earnings and profits makes corresponding requirements on all vast complicated machinery of exchange and money.

Railroad bonds were active and broad and prices were higher. U. S. new 2s advanced ¼; 3s ½. The total shares traded in numbered \$42,845. \$1.08 was offered for cash oil.

Reported by Charles R. Richardson, Broker, 177 Front street.

	O.	H.	L.	C.
Atch.	41%	42%	43%	42%
Atch. Pr.	85%	86%	87%	86%
So. Ry. Pr.	69	69½	69½	69½
L. & N.	84%	85	84%	84%
R. G. Ist.	68%	68½	68½	68½
Rubber.	29	29½	28½	29%
J. C.	145%	145½	145½	145%
P. M.	43½	43½	43½	43½
N. P.	73½	74%	73½	74%
N. P. Pr.	83%	84%	83%	84%
U. P.	73½	75	73½	75
U. P. Pr.	82½	82½	82½	82½
N. Y. C.	142%	143	142½	143
C. C. C.	68	68	68	68
Met. Tr.	168½	168½	167½	168%
Wab. Pr.	26%	26%	26%	26%
C. S.	59%	59%	59	59%
D. & H.	120%	122	120%	122
C. & O.	38%	38%	38%	38½
A. H.	31%	31½	31	31½
R. B. C.	16%	16%	16%	16%
R. B. C. Pr.	64%	64½	63%	64½
N. X.	38%	38%	38½	38%
A. X.	49%	50	49%	50
A. S. W.	45	45½	44½	45½
A. S. W. Pr.	88%	88%	88%	88%
F. S.	52%	53½	52%	53
F. S. Pr.	77%	77	77%	78
M. P.	62%	62½	61%	62½
W. U.	84%	85%	84%	85%
Man.	110%	111	109%	111
B. R. T.	74%	75½	74	75½
N. W.	169%	170%	169%	170
St. Paul.	131	132½	130%	132½
R. I.	117%	117½	117	117½
G. E.	138%	139	138%	138%
B. Q.	171%	172	171½	171%
P. O.	90%	90½	90%	90%
Tobacco	108%	109%	108%	109%
Sugar.	124	126½	124	126
T. C. L.	61%	62%	60%	62%
B. & O.	81%	82%	81%	82%
B. & O. Pr.	86	86½	86	86
Pa.	143½	143½	143	143½
Leather	13%	13%	13%	13%
Lr. Pr.	75	75	75	75
C. O. T.	36	36½	36	36½
C. O. T. Pr.	90%	90%	90%	90%
C. F.	51%	52%	51%	52%
B. G.	24%	25	23%	24%

NEW YORK PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

	O.	H.	L.	C.
Wheat, Mar.	79½	79½	79½	79½
Wheat, May	79	79	78½	78%
Corn, May	42	42½	42	42
Dec. Cash Corn	44½	44½	44½	44½

BANK STATEMENT.

Reserve, Increase	\$ 624,250
Loans, Decrease	12,682,500
Specie, Decrease	5,549,100

Quota, Increase	1,179,200
Deposits, Decrease	38,376,600
Circulation, Increase	116,100

TOLDO MARKET.

Toledo, O., Dec. 15.—Wheat, 78; corn, 38; oats, 23½; rye, neglected; clover- seed, \$6.75. Oil unchanged.

HARD FIGHTING

Was Experienced by Lieutenant McPherson and His Troops.

By Associated Press.
Pekin, Dec. 15.—The British Minister Sir Ernest Satow, received a communi- cation and at present is not authorized to sign the joint note, but he expects definite instructions tomorrow.

The Germans report their detachment at Ho si Wu attacked while foraging. They killed 13 and wounded 29 Chinese. The Germans had four men wounded.

Col. Tullock has returned here and he reports having had an exciting ex- perience. His detachment was fired upon eight miles from Pekin. He could not discover the assailants, as they used smokeless powder and mod- ern guns. He camped for the night at Kao Li Ying, 18 miles from here, meet- ing with slight opposition, but he was informed that he would be attacked the next day by Boxers from Deh Hal Ying and sent for reinforcements. Fifty men under Lieut. McPherson were sent to his assistance, and im- mediately after their arrival Tullock attacked the town which had been en- tered by scaling ladders. In the at- tack McPherson distinguished himself. He led the scaling party which reached the town, jumped down into the place and emptied his revolver, killing five men.

He then drew his sword and defend- ed himself until the men arrived in force and saved him from death. For- tunately the Chinese had only a few cabins and were bad shots, so none of the British troops were wounded dur- ing the fight.

Architects Expelled.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Henry Ives Cobb, Geo. Edward Harding and William Tyson Gough were virtually expelled from the American Institute of Architects at its session today. The board of directors found them guilty of unprofessional conduct and conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the profession, but permitted them to re- main fellows of the institute in good standing.

The investigating committee recom- mended that it be resolved that contin- uing as members of the institute per- sons adjudged guilty of unprofessional conduct is repugnant to its members. The alleged unprofessional conduct of Cobb, Harding and Gough was in connection with the building of the state house at Harrisburg, Pa., to re- place the structure destroyed by fire.

REBUKES SLEEPING MAN.

Mrs. Fiske Intensely Annoyed at Poughkeepsie by a Cold, Un- responsive Audience.

Mrs. Fiske sharply rebuked a man who persisted in sleeping through her performance of "Becky Sharp" at Poughkeepsie. She had a large and fashionable audience, which included many Vassar students. Between the scenes of the third act Mrs. Fiske sent for E. B. Sweet, manager of the the- ater. She told him that it was the col- dest audience she had ever seen. Mr. Sweet was apologetic and explained that it was a peculiarity of Poughkeepsie audiences to be sleeping in their ap- plause.

"But they are actually sleeping," said Mrs. Fiske, and then she pointed out a man who was asleep and snoring. She said she noticed him early in the performance and that he annoyed her so that she could scarcely keep her mind on her work.

She instructed her stage manager not to ring up the next scene until the man had been awakened and requested not to go to sleep again.

Manager Sweet delivered her request to the sleeper, who expressed his re- gret, and Mrs. Fiske proceeded with the play.

GERMS CARRIED BY GNATS.

Professor Koch Tells Scientists the Result of His Investi- gations.

Prof. Koch lectured before the Colo- nial society to scientists and prominent men at the Kaiserhof hotel, Berlin, re- cently on the subject of malarial fever. He described to his colleagues his ex- periences with the government expedi- tions to Java and New Guinea. He said he had reached the conclusion that gnat bites introduced and developed parasites into the human body, but, according to his theory, the parasite germ was in the human body itself. The germs were passed by a gnat from one human body to another, but they de- veloped in the body of the gnat during the passage. Children, he said, were especially liable to impregnation.

At a village in New Guinea 137 inhab- itants out of 700 were affected by the disease, and all were cured by the use of quinine. Mosquito nets, the profes- sor said, were useful, but were not wholly reliable. All inoculation, he said, had hitherto been failures, and for that reason he urged the colonial authorities to issue a free supply of quinine.

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AT NEW ORLEANS.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 15.—H. Mor- ris, who won the Crescent Derby last spring with Prince of Verona, landed the Preliminary derby with Fuke.

Six furlongs: Charlie Obrien, first; Morron, second; Acquis, third. Time, 1:20.

One mile and sixteenth: Sunlocks, first; Indiana, second; Bright Night, third. Time, 1:56½.

Steeplechase, short course: Terry Ranger, first; Princess Murphy, second; High Admiral, third. Time, 3:23½.

Preliminary Derby, six furlongs: Fuke, first; Tonisum, second; Money Muss, third. Time, 1:19½.

Seven furlongs: Locust Blossom, first; Castine, second; Tom Gilmore, third. Time, 1:35½.

One mile: Dick Purber first; Uhlers, second; Miss Loret, third. Time, 1:49½.

Charged With Forgery.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Margaret M. Heppenheimer, wife of Geo. Heppenheimer, conductor on the elevated road, who was arrested yesterday for attempting to cash a check for \$2,576, to which she forged the names of Fred B. House and Moses Grossman, was ar- raigned in court today and was parol- ed on her own recognizance until next Tuesday. The woman says pov- erty drove her to attempt the commis- sion of the crime.

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